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for department store workers

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The Art Show, sponsored by seal I-S and arranged under he supervision of the Museum of Modern Art is being held of the YMHA, 92nd Street and ington Avenue from June 13th to 25th. The gallery will

Sunday — Thursday 9AM — 10 PM.

Priday 9 AM — 5 PM.

Saturday 7 PM — 10 PM.

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Critics Cheer -S Art Show

Local 1-S Art Show, which at the 92nd Street YMHA esday was hailed by Mr. d'Harnoncourt, Director of seum of Modern Art as, of extremely high caliber, both trained and untrained showing to good advan-

s judges, after spending conable time in studying the as a whole, selected Szerena h's, "Rooftops" as the Best of show. First Prize for the Best olor was awarded to Doro-Haber for her "79th Street" First Prize in sculpture went Frank Stevens for his figure ted "Rhythm." The Sculpture was awarded, not because it ne only piece being shown, but d on its merit.

onorable mention was given Mary Sortiro's "Study in Soli-e," Hugh O'Neill's "Wind-ak," Victor Obsatz's "Self Por-a," Olive Atkinson's "French meter" and Nick Chaparos' baract Bull."

judges, selected by the Mu-of Modern Art, were: Toni se, sculptor, designer and sy artist. Miss Hughes has everal exhibitions of her at the Willard Gallery, and of the Museum of Modern

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If You Need BLOOD from the Blood Bank CALL Elizabeth Hammond the Union Office LA 4-9714



Art Show judges, selected by the Museum of Modern Art, study Szerena Frisch's Best of the Show entry, "Rooftops."

L-B WORKERS, FIGHTING AFL SELLOUT CREATE OWN GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Taking another vigorous step in their breakaway from AFL company-unionism, Ludwig Bauman workers have set up a rank-and-file grievance committee to handle their problems.

One of the charges most frequently repeated and most sub-stantially upheld is that the officers of Local 1115E have consistently taken their leadership from the company's front office instead of from the membership. As a result, LB workers state, "none of our grievances are ever processed properly and we are continually subjected to intimidation by AFL shop stewards. Our so-called leaders threaten us with loss of our jobs and generally do all of management's dirty work."

To offset this sell-out policy the workers have established their own grievance committee and intend to press vigorously for company recognition of their right to represent the workers.

The decision, arrived at with the assistance of the officers of Local 1-S, was hailed by President Sam Kovenetsky as, "one of the most decisive repudiations of the AFL yet registered." Mr. Kovenetsky went on to say, "One of the best tests of the sincerity of a union is the militancy with which it processes and resolves grievances arising from its day to day relations with management. Indecision in the handling of grievances almost inevitably means weakness in negotiations and a general inability to handle the worker's problems, large or small."

With NLRB hearings due to begin in the very near future Ludwig Bauman workers are already beginning to plan for the election in which they confidently predict, "a majority of our co-workers will finally and fully reject the AFL in favor of the Local 1-S brand of unionism — the brand that means victory for the workers."

Branch Stores Win "Equality" Fight

Dramatic action by branch store Shop Stewards and hard bar-gaining by Local 1-S President Sam Kovenetsky combined to score a smashing victory over the company's discriminatory policy towards Union members in the outlying stores.

Victory came shortly after more than fifty suburban store Shop Stewards had taken possession of their managers' office in sharp protest against managements' announced intention of having Union members in Parkchester, Jamaica, Flatbush and White Plains work a four day week during the week of July 3rd while Herald Square would be working only three days.

Union reaction was instantanous! Formal protests were immediately lodged. When the answer was slow in coming the Stewards moved in and demanded action. When the company still showed signs of stalling Union petitions addressed to Macy President Weil were circulated. The petition said in part, "We deserve and demand equal consideration along with our

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With a special membership meeting scheduled for June 20, at which time the entire Union body will vote its final instructions to the Negotiating Committee, determined Local 1-S bargainers are going ahead in their talks with management. The last few weeks have been characterized by sudden changes of attitude but slight change of position on the company's side of the table. Macy

ATTENTION SPECIAL **MEMBERSHIP** MEETING

MANHATTAN CENTER 34th St. and 8th Ave. TUESDAY — JUNE 20 7 PM SHARP

HEAR AND ACT ON A **FULL NEGOTIATIONS** REPORT

Grim Stewards Plan For Contract Fight

In a grim and somber mood more than 100 Shop Stewards from Herald Square listened and began to plan as President Sam Kovenetsky reported on the company's arrogant rejection of Union

demands late in May.

Burdened by the fact that the terms of the contract bar a strike at this time the Stewards were obviously searching for some means of making their anger felt by the

Many of the store leaders took the floor and demanded that all Union members "work by the rules and handle only one customer at a time." Others stood up and asserted, "if there is speed-up in the store it is our fault for knuckling under. Too many peo-ple are trying to do the work of two or three. Let us all give them an honest day's work, but the work of one person and no more!"

In his report President Kovenetsky declared that, "the company has made us an offer that totals a mere 18 cents per person per week.
That is Macy's reward to those
who have yielded to speed-up.
That is the company's answer to 8000 workers who have always considered themselves 'loyal employes.' There is a lesson in that offer for each of us," the Local's President continued, "and the lesson is that the only way we will ever get anything is by continually

demonstrating our strength. Concluding his remarks, Mr. Kovenetsky said, "if the executives in any departments do not respect the contract then I say let us stop work in those departments until the white flowers stop selling, stop pushing stock trucks and stop do-ing any of the jobs on which our members depend for the support of themselves and their family. (Continued on page 2)

spokesman Fred Fisher, obviously upset when the Union committee walked out on his less than one half cent per hour offer, hastily recalled the group following an emergency meeting of Shop Stew-ards which left little doubt as to the militancy and determination of Local 1-S. (See Steward Meeting story on this page).

Offer Improved

Contract talks were resumed in an atmosphere of doubt and hostility. The first session was simply a repetition of the one which had precipitated the walk-out, but slight progress was noted at meetings which followed. The tentative nature of the offers made to date make impossible an evaluation of their worth. President Kovenetsky, at a recent meeting of the Committee said, "the company has not yet showed signs of giving enough to merit thought of settlement, but what they have offered provides enough encouragement for us to keep the door open a little while longer in the hope that they may come through with something which will meet the needs and the demands of our members."

Speaking for the company, Mr. (Continued on page 2)

WANT RENT CONTROL? WRITE NOW OR NEVER

"Despite the fact that committees of the Congress have investigated and reported on the scarcity of housing accommodations below the luxury level," said Legislative Committee member Mollie Grater, "the Congress is prepared to scut-tle rent controls unless a deluge of letters within the next few days offsets the pressure of the oppos-ing real estate lobby."

Statistics from already de-controlled areas prove that the end of controls adds up to an 8-10% wage cut. Low and middle income families, and especially families with children, will be the chief victims if the Congress fails to act.

The pending compromise bill, which must be defeated, provides for the end of Federal rent control Dec. 31, 1950, except in those areas whose governing bodies, before that date, vote to continue it. Once discontinued, there is no way for communities to get back under

To fight this back door wage cut write to your Congressman and insist that he vote for an unamended extension of rent controls. DO IT NOW!

BRANCH STORE NEWS

WHITE PLAINS



Following a meeting with Administrator Pat avoino at which he reported that Macy's Mr. Fisher refused to grant us the three day work week scheduled at Herald Square for the week of July 3rd our Shop Siewards got together and decided that something drastic had to be done to convince the company that our White Plains members were up in arms over the discriminatory treatment they, and Union members in the other branch stores were getting. They decided then to call on Mr. Gould the following Monday and to stay with him until Hilda Proctor they got an answer. All they got was assurance that everything possible would be done. So far, there's been no official

answer and we are planning our next steps accordingly . . . Congratulations to Frank DiTullio on his promotion from stockman to salesclerk in toys . . . Those who missed the June 4th Boatride did themselves out of a wonderful time. Those who were there are still raving about it. Our Blood Bank day on June 8 swelled the Union's total by 44 pints. Unfortunately, many who had pledged to give were unable to do so. Let's begin to plan now for the next time we are called upon! . . . Current negotiations are still an important topic of conversation hereabouts. We're 100% behind anything the Union calls on us to do!

FLATBUSH

Congratulations to Al Laurie on the birth of baby daughter Denise . . . We also want to congratulate the lucky guy who has just become engaged to our Marie Martino . . . Lillian Jampole is out on maternity leave. Take care of yourself Lil. Amelia Poor, of Linens, is back with us after her nearly serious accident last month . . . Bill Kennedy is hoping that someone may have found his plastic raincoat on the boat and that they will return it to him or to the Union office. Speaking of the Boatride, the Flatbush contingent was really out in force. It



was funny to see men, women and very young children bundled in rain coats starting out for a day of picnicing But the hardy ones had no regrets. Only those who decided to roll over for some more sleep were sorry when they found a beautiful day. Our softball team was supposed to have played Jamaica, but not enough of our Queens brothers were there. They added whoever was handy and our team wallopped them 7-0 . . . The three day week for July 4th plus negotiations are the burning issues of the day. Feeling is running very high on the stepchild treatment we, and the other branch stores are getting, and we are solidly behind the Union in this fight as in every other one we wage.

PARKCHESTER



Naomi Coyne, P15, now working full time. It was the Union that got her placed protesting the hiring of new workers without giving her a chance at the job . . . Our store committee announced that more than 40 of our grievances have been favorably settled since our Divisional meeting last February. We don't know the exact percentage, but our batting average is

exact percentage, but our batting average is high! . . . Al Smith, P2, upgraded from housewares to mirrors . . . Word from Peggy Galvin, Mary Purdy, Lil O'Neil and Lil Danuff is that they are all happily soaking up the Florida sunshine . . . what has that got that we haven't got? . . . Reaction here was terrific when word was flashed to us that we would either get a second day off or an extra day's pay if we are asked to work a fourth day the week of July 3rd. We all feel that our Store Committee and Union officers did a terrific job. Olive Atkinson, now in England, and Bernard Shansky are both showing their Atkinson, now in England, and Bernard Shansky are both showing their art at the Union's Art Show at the 92nd Street "Y". If you haven't gotten downtown to see it yet, plan to go soon. The show will be on until Sunday, June 25th . . . We are all looking forward to a full report on negotiations at the meeting on June 20th. We are anxious to learn what our strength has produced to date.

JAMAICA

Everybody is still buzzing about the gratifying victory won by the Branch Stores in their efforts for equal treatment on the July 3rd issue. Because of our show of strength, as matter now stand, we are assured of either the day off or compensation for an extra day's work. Needless to say, the entire membership fully appreciates the splendid efforts of President m Kovenetsky and the entire Union . . . Mrs. Halcrow of Silverware and Miss Gettler of Norgone operations recently.



Our alert Union Welfare Board, with Florence Schnefel its Jamaica representative, sent flowers, books and perfume and received in turn profuse thanks . . . Kay Liebrock, of Boys' Clothing, was given a dinner by the department to celebrate her imminent marriage . . . Another gripe settled! Until now night porters who finish work at 9 A.M. have had to wait until 11 o'clock on Fridays to collect their pay. From now on there'll be no waiting. Pay will be ready for them when they are ready to leave . . . Bill Stevenson of Display and Joan Keene of Dresses are a sizzling item in an already hot atmosphere! . . . If our softball team on the boatride had not been handicapped with bushleaguers we might have beaten Flatbush (if all our ball team had gone on the boatride!)

LETTERS to the EDITOR

To The Editor:

I wish to express my deepest gratitude to Local 1-S for the help I received during received during my husband's serious illness.

He was one of the first patients to receive blood from the Blood Bank. The prompt attention given his need was instrumental in saving his life. I wish to thank my co-workers for making this pos-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of a substantial check from the Group Health Plan towards my doctor's bill. Needless to say, this was a great help and I want to say the Health Plan is simply wonderful!

I shall never forget the kindness of Miss Elizabeth Hammond. She was just wonderful — more like a friend than an officer of the Union. I know what a busy person she is, but if I had occasion to call and she wasn't in the office, she would telephone me immediately and do everything possible to help. Last, but not least, I wish to thank Miss Ruth Watson of the Health Plan for her kind consideration.

It all sums up to one thing -Local 1-S is a wonderful Union—run by friendly people who do their utmost to help the workers at all times. My harband and I will be eternally grateful.
Sincerely,
Katherine Francis

Union Charges "Bias"; **Wins Maximum Raise**

Anna Tocci has, for a long time, taken pride in the job she does as Shop Steward in 138 Department. She is also proud of the fact that she is the model size twelve in better dresses and that her appearance invariable attracts attention and highly favorable comment.

Miss Tocci has been inclined to shrug it off when her executives have said, "if you weren't here we could get the girls to do anything we want. Why don't they come right to us instead of running to the Union?" But Miss Tocci was convinced that her record of settling all but two departmental grievances at the first step proved that the grievances were real and the workers were right when they placed their problems in the Union's capable hands.

When her job review rolled around Macy's lowered the boom. They rated her appearance as "good" and gave other unfounded reasons for denying her a raise.

The Union quickly challenged the obvious prejudice of the com-pany's action. Vice President Elizabeth Hammond told Labor Relations Manager Fred Fisher that it was one of the most blatant cases of discrimination we had ever een. She was able to quote the buyer and other executives to prove the charge of anti-union bias. Mr. Fisher bent over backward trying to deny the Union's claim. Miss Hammond proved that the Union was right when she announced that Miss Tocci had won a new job review PLUS a raise of \$2.25 a week which brings her up to the maximum for her department.

Art Show . . .

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Robert J. Goldwater, art historian, critic, writer and lecturer on art, is the editor of the Magazine of Art and Assistant Professor of the History of Art at Queens Col-

Mervin Jules is a painter and Associate Professor of Art at Smith College. Mr. Jules formerly taught at the War Veteran's Art Center, conducted by the Museum of Modern Art and is represented in the Museum's collection.

The judges, unanimous in their praise of the Union's show, said, "It is refreshing for us to see an exhibition in which the only common bond among the artists is their desire to paint. The variety of interest reflected in the show clearly establishes the paintings as distinct products of our times. They are profoundly personal in their expression and most worthy of encouragement."

President Sam Kovenetsky, in presenting Miss Frisch with a fifty dollar bond and Miss Haber and Mr. Stevens each with a twenty-five dollar bond said, "Local 1-S has sponsored this show in the hopes that it will stimulate much more interest in the fine arts and in the men and women of the arts who are working for recognition. It is our hope that thousands of Union members will take their friends and family to see the show. The response to date has been gratfying, to the artists and the Union alike."

Union Studies...

(Continued from page 1) Fisher adamantly refused to even discuss the question of shorter hours. Said negotiator Sam Le vine, "the company thinks nothing of putting additional burdens on us. But when we submit legitimate demands for higher wages ar shorter hours the company crie that we are burdening them!"

Negotiator Max Wald summe up the angry sentiment of the e tire committee when he declared 'I will not vote for any agreem that does not include a reduction of hours.

Vice Presidents George Gurian and Elizabeth Hammond, have spent many weeks skillfully preparing and presenting hudreds of inequalities said, "t course of these negotiations is lit tle different from the many which have preceded it. The skill of the Committee, backed by the unmis takable determination of the mem bership will get the most it can The members alone will determine

whether that is sufficient."

President Kovenetsky asserted, "if arbitration is our last recours for settlement of our 1950 de mands we will go to arbitration We will let the facts speak for themselves and we can be confident that they will be heard with less prejudice than Macy's shown to date. On January 30, 1951 we shall be free to wage vigorous a struggle as may be needed for the full realization of our demands."



President Kovenetsky awards Art Show winner Szerena Frisch a \$50 bond while Dorothy Haber, winner of the \$25 First Prize for Water colors looks on. Other First Prize went to Frank Stevens for his sculpture

Stewards Plan... **Branch Stores...**

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"If we have enough stoppages we can be sure that top management will wake up and take whatever measures it must to assure obedience from their underlings. We must, from this moment on make the correct respect for our Union and the contract the only key to volume, since volume is the only language the company really understands."

Similar Shop Steward meetings in the four branch stores produced equally strong reaction among the leaders of the branch Without exception the stores. stewards termed the offer of less than one half cent per hour an "insult" and favored answering it "in kind." Said one, "now is the time to show the company that we are solidly together. Let's stop try-ing to get merit increases by being nice to the executives. Let's live up to the terms of the contract and let's see to it that the company does too. That's the only way to wipe that 18 cent sneer off the company's face."

(Continued from page 1) Union Brothers and Sisters Herald Square. Therefore we de mand that we in each of the branch stores work only a three day week . . .

The petition drive had no soo er gotten started than Presiden Kovenetsky met with Mr. We who by then recognized the unfair ness of the company's position spite the contract provision coing for a four-day holiday we His final answer to the treme Union pressure conformed to the demands first stated in the May 30 issue of the 1-S NEWS. Name ly, a three day week or addition payment to those asked to wor the fourth day. Mr. Weil insiste that this concession does not set precedent.

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Our Secret Weapon

What makes a successful Union? This is a question which arises in the minds of many as we hear and read of long strikes and five year agreements. It is a question that merits the asking and deserves an answer, because the answer is the source of our strength.

Our Union is as strong at its membership. Some are inclined to measure the effectiveness of their organization in terms of the oratorical ability of its officers or the skill of its negotiators. Both are important, but their ability and their skill is directly dependent upon the will of the members for whom they speak and in whose interests they bargain. But how does the average individual express his will? How does he manifest his determination?

In the estimation of the elected leaders of Local 1-S the most effective place for union sentiment to express itself is in every department of the store — whether through insistence upon the Shop Steward that he do everything within the broad limits of his authority to safeguard the gains represented by the contract or through the promotion of departmental militancy in the continuing struggle for further gains.

Speed-up is a widely used word. It is also an occasional fact. Strangely enough there are still Union members who feel powerless in the face of demands that they do more than a normal day's work. There are still some who do not recognize the fact that, whether it is selling to one customer at a time, doing stock work or performing other duties, there are still only eight hours in each working day. When the basic fact is recognized it becomes clear that the answer to "speed-up" rests with each member as well as with his Union. The most worthy policies of Local 1-S can be reduced to a meaningless set of phrases if they do not find support among the members, but the individual can add immeasurably to the forcefulness of his Union's stand by his own determination to do a normal day's work — neither more nor less.

It can be foretold, almost with a certainty, that management will soon arouse itself to the perils of having salesclerks spend their time in non-productive pursuits. As departmental volume declines the higher echelons of management will lose no time in chastizing Service Managers and Superintendents so unwise as to provide inadaquate service for the paying customer while demanding tidy stock.

Unity is a big idea. Unity is real when the people move together toward the realization of a common goal. Unity means more of the better things of life. Let us, then, stand together — let us move forward together — let us allow no one to tear us apart, for our unity is our strength and our strength is our future.

Without Brass Knuckles

We approve and support the money raising efforts of such worthy organizations as the Greater New York Fund. But we also believe in the right of our members, and all other workers, to decide without fear what they wish to do and where they wish to give or spend their earnings. Precisely because we believe in this freedom of choice we most strongly protest the company's recent opening of their doors to a crew of campaigners determined to open our purses by any and all means.

We objected to being told that our Stewards and other Union representatives could not perform their duties during business hour if such duties interefere with business. We objected to being told that our Union campaign on behalf of the March of Dimes had to suffer the same restrictions. That we were correct in our objections has just been proved, for it can now be clearly seen that when it suits the purposes of the company no amount of interference is intolerable. Scores of Union members have assailed the downright rude interruption of sales by well-intentioned, but too high-pressured solicitors.

The last straw has only recently been added to the backs of members previously outraged into a state of non-cooperativeness. The straw came in the form of a letter from the Greater New York Fund advising its recipients that they could atone for their failure to make a pledge by reporting to the salary office immediately. Thus, Union members are made to feel, and not without reason, that Macy's and the Fund have joined hands in a campaign characterized by persuasion and thinly veiled intimidation. We dislike the idea of the needy being hurt by a passive resistance campaign in the future. We can only hope, therefore, that the company will advise all workers of their rights, so that when they give, they can give freely.

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The Inquiring Photographer

THE QUESTION: What are your vacation plans for this year?

GEORGE FRANCIS — WPR 28

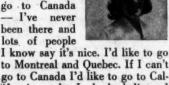


I have to find another job during my vacation. My salary just doesn't allow me to take a rest. If our Union de-

mands are won this year I can look forward to enjoying a real vacation next year. I'd like to be able to take my family away for a change and I know I'm going to yet — the Union way!

DOROTHY McCRUM - F10

I haven't decided what I am going to do. I'd like to go to Canada— I've never been there and lots of people



to Montreal and Quebec. If I can't go to Canada I'd like to go to California, only I don't believe I could do it in two weeks. Maybe we ought to fight for longer vacation periods.

BILL KENNY — F3



I'm driving to Cleveland, O., for my vacation. I have friends and family out there and I'm anxious to see

them. I'm from Brooklyn, but the biggest branches of my family tree are rooted in the mid-West. I've been there before and I like it, but I like Brooklyn better — partly because it's got the Dodgers.

JOAN FALLER — J12

I've got a big three week vacation coming and I'm flying to Florida. I have never been there, but I have heard



so much about it that I just can't wait to see it for myself. My ideal vacation would be to have enough time to travel through the whole country — I've covered the Atlantic Coast as far South as Virginia and I want to see lots more.

MARIAN CALANDRA — J7



My boy friend is in the Air Force and is coming home on leave. We are planning on staying in the city and

painting the town red. We want to see "Mr. Roberts," go swimming at Jones' Beach, take a midnight sail, and just do anything else that may come to mind. You see, we are going to be celebrating our engagement.



"Let's stop using the word profit; it's embarrassing."

KNOW YOUR ADMINISTRATOR

Nobody paid any particular attention to the hiring, in October of 1942, of a Christmas temporary

CONGRESSMAN DRIPP



the old Bureau of Adjustment.
Among those not overly impressed was the girl herself.

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The fact remains, however, that Dorothy

Pandolfini unknowingly stood at the threshold of a long, varied and never dull career.

In January of 1943 Dot was told to report to the hospital for a physical examination. In those days that was taken as proof positive that your job was to be considered "permanent." No sooner was she finished with the exam than she began to ask her coworkers, "Is there a Union in the store?" She quickly learned that there was and also that many of the women she worked with were mighty interested in becoming a part of it. Together, they began to explore the possibilities of organizing all of the office workers.

'Pandy' explains that she was weaned and raised on the solid principles of trade unionism." Her father headed, for many years, a confectioners' union, until "all the members had made and saved enough to go into business for themselves and the union disappeared. But," she continued, "I knew then that the Union we were building was here to stay."

Promoted from the 4th to the 14th Floor, Pandy and her coworkers developed new organizing techniques. Union application cards were slipped into complaint jackets and girls were approached with the innocent query, "Is this your complaint?" as they were handed a 1-S card. This approach gave them ample opportunity to meet with their co-workers and discuss the problems with them.

"One morning in July," Dot recalls, "a friend and I were to report for overtime work at 8 A.M. We had arranged to meet downtown for breakfast and when I

reached her she had a gleam in her eyes."

BY YOMEN

"Do you cross picketlines?" she asked. To my emphatic "Never" she said, "Then you're not going to work today — there's a line in front of the store!" Then we streaked over to find out what it was all about. "After listening to President Sam Kovenetsky tell us that we were not protected by the Union and that it was up to us to decide whether to work or walk we held a sidewalk conference. My friend went one way and I went the other. She to the IRT and I to the BMT. We stopped every familiar face — and 99% of the Adjustment Service Department did not report for work.

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"I never did eat breakfast that morning," Dot recalls. "I walked a picketline that day for the first time in my life and I stayed with that line until the strike was won. Despite company pleas we all stayed out the full ten days. Why that strike organized our Office Division more effectively than anything we had been able to do. And although we had not yet won recognition we got our pay for the time we had spent picketing."

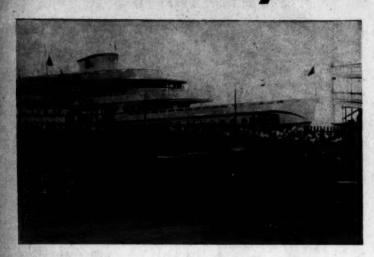
In January of 1947 the office

workers won a card count and became an official part of Local 1-S. Dot became Shop Steward in her department. Illness forced her on to a reduced schedule of activity until the storm that followed the Union's secession from CIO. She was asked if she would like to take on the full time job of Adminis-trator. She nodded her head, rolled up her sleeves and has been at it ever since. She says, "The outstanding change I have noticed since then is the increased solidarity and appreciation of the job Local 1-S has done to improve conditions. Not too long ago the people in Cash Time, for example, were indifferent to the Union. But today a phone call will mobilize the entire department, or Division, at the drop of a nickel!"

Dorothy enjoys the solid backing of her entire division in the Union fight for the 35-hour week. She proudly says that her militants are "ready and willing to do everything to guarantee victory." And Dotty asks, "With spirit like that, how can we lose?"

XUM

Members Say "1-S Boatride A Huge Success



Reserved for the exclusive use of Local 1-S, the picnic grove nestles on the shore of Long Island Sound. With all facilities close at hand picnic life was made lots easier than usual for everybody. Baskets were almost like holiday surprise packages, and members freely circulated on "sampling expeditions."



Rhuma, waltz, jive and tango practically had the good ship Liberty Belle moving in rhythm with the gliding or hopping feet. While the dancers swung and swayed others joined together for group singing, card playing or just for friendly talks with lots of friendly people.

Lewisohn Concerts Will Open June 19

Local 1-S, by special arrangement with Stadium Concerts, Inc., will be an agent for the sale of tickets beginning June 19th.

Three conductors and fourteen singers and instrumentalists will make their first appearances at the Lewisohn Stadium with the Philharmonic - Symphony Orchestra during this summer's series, which runs from June 19 through Aug.

The new conductors are Eleazer de Carvalho, whose appearances on June 26, 27, 28 and 29 have already been announced; Frederic Balasz, musical director of the Wichita Falls (Tex.) Symphony Orchestra, conducting the Stadium concert of Tuesday night, July 4, and Maurice Levine, who will conduct a concert in memory of the late Kurt Weill on Monday night, July 10. Mr. Levine is conducting Weill's musical play "Lost in the Stars" in its current run at the Music Box Theatre.

The list of soloists new to the Stadium includes three winners of Naumburg Foundation prizes: Inex Lauritano, violinist, who will play a Wieniawski concerto on Wednesday, Aug. 99, under the direction of Dimitri Mitropoulos; Abba Bogin, pianist, who will play the Schumann concerto, Wednesday, July 19, with Pierre Monteux conducting, and Berl Senofsky, violinist. Mr. Senofsky and his wife, Shirley Trepel, cellist, will be soloists in the Brahms double con-

certo Tuesday night, July 11 under Alexander Smallens' direction.

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Harry Shub will play a Wieniawski violin concerto Tuesday,
July 4, under Mr. Balasz's conductorship; Naoum Binder, concertmaster of the San Francisco
Symphony Orchestra, will play the
Brahms violin concerto under Mr.
Monteux Wednesday, July 26.
Beverly Somach, fifteen-year-old
violinist, will play the Tchaikovsky concerto Saturday night, Aug.
5, with Mr. Smallens conducting.

Alexander Borovsky, pianist, will make his first Stadium appearance Monday, July 3, playing Liszt's concerto in E flat. Balbina Brainina will play Rachmaninoff's second piano concerto Wednesday, July 5. Toba Brill will play Brahms's piano concerto in D minor Tuesday night, July 11, when Mr. Smallens will conduct. Elizabeth Firestone, pianist and composer, who is the daughter of Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., chairman of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, will be heard on Thursday, July 13, under Howard Bar-

low's direction.

Singers to be heard as soloists for the first time in this series are Frances Yeend, soprano, in the French opera program of July 15; Margarita Zambrana, soprano, in the Italian opera program of June 27, and Tamara Bering, mezzosoprano, in Manuel de Falla's "El Amor Brujo" on Tuesday night,

Though they set sail in a driving rain, more than 800 happy Union members, with their family and friends, land at Rye Beach under sunny skies. Laden with picnic baskets, baby buggies and other gear they set out for the short walk to the picnic grove.



Wet grounds made children's events too hazardous, but adults took their chances with free throwing pitchers and freer swinging batters in two softball games. Here, President Kovenetsky races for first base in the game in which men opposed women. Foolish men!



Health Plan Notice

Health Plan mail addressed to the following Union members has been returned to Local 1-S because of incomplete addresses. Health and Hospital cards must be called for no later than July 15th. Brodrick, Ilene A. Chambers, George L. Finn, Catherine E. Janseen, Evelyn M. Kelly, Marie J. Muller, Jean M. Reggiero, Mary Smith, Virginia F. Sommer, Jane M.

Veltri, Mary L.

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your address. Keep up to date with
the latest Union news and developments by reading your Union mail.

Softball Schedule

De Witt Clinton Field 7 P.M.

Jamaica vs. Sterns De Witt Clinton Field 7 P.M.

The De Witt Clinton Field is located at 59th Street and 11th

Avenue. Come and give our

league-leading teams a boost!

Monday, June 19

HS I vs. Republic

Friday, June 23

HS II vs. Republic

Monday, June 26

HS II vs. Lerners

Tuesday, June 27

Wednesday, June 21

HS II vs. Bloomingdales

Stopping the Mail

Many I-S members continue to complain that they are still receiving Union Voice and that they do not want it.

If you wish to assure yourself against the receipt of Union Voice or any publication to which you are not a subscriber — WRITE to your local Postmaster, give him YOUR name and home address AND the name of the periodical you do NOT wish to receive. He will do the rest. Despite an early morning do pour, low-scudding clouds and forecast of more of same to comore than 800 Union members their children and their frie climbed aboard the "Libe Belle" for the first Boatride spored by their Local 1-S.

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David Carter, RGK, his was child ren and grandchild swarmed aboard and held the hor of the largest family conting to sail. Youngest voyager of day was the 11 month old son CT'er Charles Landrain. This mone was the only member of party venturesome enough to wading. Shortly after which retired to his carriage for a scheuled snooze. Mollie Grater, chamion ticket seller with a record more than 70, came along with happy brood of children "adoed" for the day. She was load down with candy donated by happet to the control of the control of the day. She was load down with candy donated by happet co-workers.

Also enjoying a frolicsome ting was a group from the Madis Square Boy's Club to whom Unimembers had donated tickets.

Within an hour after sailing the clouds scattered, the sun she and music and laughter shook the boat as the holiday mood spream

boat as the holiday mood sprea Rye Beach proved to be one the nicest and most hospitable pinic places any of the group henjoyed. Reserved picnic grow and playing areas assured priva without crowding. Nearness of facilities and the absence of ra ged hills made for an easy ar restful time for parents and characteristics.

Sports Program Concelled

The sports program, which heen planned for the small-f was called off because wet grincreased the danger of serious jury from slips and falls. Puddle however, did not keep the Flatbu softball team from drubbing "pick-up" team representing sections of the Union. Men a women oposed each other in a sond game that went only the innings when the gals decided the softball was not the best way show their form.

Hilarity and applause for copetitors in singing and dancing contests plus a perfect sunset go additional zest to the trip home.

President Kovenetsky, busy taking color motion pictures most the day promised that if they comout well there will be a showing in the near future.

While those who had been of the excursion were asking for sother, the most widely heard comment in the stores was, "Am sorry I let the rain stop me. No time I'll be there, and you count on that!"

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